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SUBJECT: GREEK-AMERICAN SEMINAR WELL RECEIVED IN ATHENS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. A TWO-DAY (JULY 28-29) SEMINAR ON THE SUBJECT "GREECE: THREE YEARS OF DEMOCRACY" BROUGHT TOGETHER IN ATHENS A STIMULATING GROUP OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ACADEMICS FROM BOTH THE US AND GREECE. SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE "GREEK WORLD," THE SEMINAR RECEIVED BACKING AND COOPERATION FROM THE GOG. THE MAJORITY OF ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS WERE GREEK-AMERICAN SCHOLARS FROM US UNIVERSITIES.

2. THE SPEAKER RECEIVING THE MOST PROMINENT ATTENTION WAS CONGRESSMAN JOHN BRADEMAS, A VERY WELL-KNOWN FIGURE IN GREECE. AMONG OTHER TOPICS, CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAS SPOKE OF HIS PAST CRITICISM OF THE SEVEN-YEAR JUNTA, OF AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD THE JUNTA, AND OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AFTER THE CYPRUS INVASION. HE COMMENTED THAT NOW, HOWEVER, CONGRESS HAS BEEN ABLE TO WORK WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE
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A PROMPT, JUST AND HUMANE SETTLEMENT OF THE TRAGEDY THAT HAS BEFALLEN THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS. THE CONGRESSMAN WARNED THAT THREATS TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE WOULD UNDERMINE FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND WOULD HINDER THE RESTORATION OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND TURKEY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE WILL WITNESS BETTER

RELATIONS AMONG ALL THREE PARTIES--THE US, GREECE AND
TURKEY. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TRICOUPIS, DEPTY MINISTER
TO THE PRIME MINISTER LAMBRIAS, AND CHARGE MILLS WERE AMONG
THOSE WHO DELIVERED ADDRESSES AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE
SEMINAR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. THE SEMINAR RECEIVED WIDE
AND FAVORABLE COVERAGE IN THE DOMESTIC MEDIA, ESPECIALLY
BRADEMAS' SPEECH. SEMINAR WAS WELL ATTENDED, SPECIALLY ON THE
FIRST DAY, UNDERLING ONCE AGAIN THE CONSIDERABLE
DISTANCE WHICH GREEK PUBLIC OPINION HAS TRAVELLED SINCE 1974
WITH REGARD TO US-GREEK RELATIONS.

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